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Effective April 8, 2002, Walter D. Cruickshank, Ph.D., was designated Deputy Director of the Minerals Management Service. Cruickshank previously served as Associate Director for Policy and Management Improvement for MMS since 1997.

As Deputy Director, Cruickshank assists the MMS Director in the administration of programs that ensure the effective management of mineral resources located on the nation's outer continental shelf — including the environmentally safe exploration, development, and production of oil and natural gas — and the collection and distribution of revenues for minerals developed on federal and Indian lands.

Cruickshank received a Bachelor of Arts in Geological Sciences from Cornell University and a Doctorate in Mineral Economics from The Pennsylvania State University.